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SUPPLEMENT

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1. [REDACTED] as of 7 January 1947, the leaders of the Alianza Nacional de Fuerzas Democraticas were favorably disposed toward supporting the establishment of a provisional government in Spain in which the following persons would hold posts:

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| President | General Antonio Aranda Mata |
| Minister of State | The Duke of Alba |
| Minister of Interior | Indalecio Prieto |
| Minister of Public Instruction | Francisco de Luis |

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2. [REDACTED] Dr. Gregorio Maranon also was to participate in the government and possibly Jose Ortega y Gasset, although the latter had not yet agreed to form part of it.*

3. The Bloque leader further stated that conversations which were taking place between delegates of the ANFD and monarchist representatives toward the signing of an accord had reached a difficult stage because disagreement had arisen over a point involving the renunciation of the right to strike on the part of the trade-union organizations for a period of one year following the establishment of a provisional government. The CNT reportedly was unwilling to commit itself in writing to such a proposal, while the UGT was inclined to accept it.

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4. [REDACTED] by 12 January no accord had been signed by the ANFD.

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5. Another Bloque leader stated that the CNT delegate to the ANFD, Juan Luque, as of 5 January was preparing to go to Portugal to discuss with Don Juan and his advisors the candidates for the proposed government.

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6. [REDACTED] officials of the Bloque had been approached by Candido Casanueva, the representative of Gil Robles in Madrid, with a view to securing their support to the proposed government. The Bloque representatives rebuffed Casanueva's overtures, affirming that the

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Comment: The statements of the Bloque leader on the composition of the proposed government agree substantially with those of an employee of the British Embassy in Madrid, as reported in [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

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position of the Bloque had not changed; the group maintains that the only government which legally follow that of Franco is a republican government.

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7. [REDACTED] the delegates to the ANPD, Luque, Gorostiza (representative of the Alianza Republicana Espanola) and Gil (Socialist representative) had a conference with British Ambassador Victor Mallet prior to his departure from Madrid, at which they stated that they had no faith in the Spanish Republican Government-in-Exile. Mallet also interviewed an official of the Bloque. The latter reportedly told the Ambassador that he did not consider a transition government acceptable, and that he remained firm in his support of Martinez Barrio as President of the Republic and representative of the continuity of republican legality. The Bloque leader stated that in his opinion, any contact on the part of the republicans with the monarchists should be effected with the Pretender himself through Martinez Barrio.

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